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July 28, 1978

William E. Gray
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The Anaconda Company
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Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your July 19, 1978 letter detailing the requested environmental monitoring at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine and the addendums to the mine plan.

The proposed monitoring is hereby approved. Please inform me when the air and water monitoring commences.

The mine plan addendums are sufficient subject to the following:

- 1. I receive the requested information from Dames and Moore.
- 2. I receive the chemical and radiological soil analysis discussed under 4(c), page 6, of your letter. Please submit all previously taken data <u>immediately</u>.
- 3. In my May 2, 1978 letter to you I requested that I be sent radiological analysis of the waste dumps. Your procedure (discussed under 4(a) of your July 19 letter) of measuring gamma emissions from the dumps to determine the necessary radon monitoring provides more useful data; however, this data (both gamma and radon) must be sent to me. Please send the previously taken data immediately.

This office should now be able to complete our analysis of the mining and reclamation plan and will soon forward it to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Laguna Pueblo for discussions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

MARC NELSON Environmental Scientist

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